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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to solve the problems being faced by the sports persons particularly the physically challenged;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (d): Ministry provides assistance to three National Sports Federations (NSFs) dealing with promotion of sports among disabled viz. Paralympics Committee of India (PCI), Special Olympic Bharat (SOB) and All India Sports Council for Deaf (AISCD) under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Under the scheme, financial assistance is given towards conduct of National Championships & international tournaments in India, participation in international sports competitions abroad, organizing coaching camps, procuring sports equipment, engagement of foreign coaches etc.

The stadia of the Sports Authority of India at New Delhi, which were recently renovated/upgraded for conduct of Commonwealth Games 2010, which were recently are disabled friendly.

Besides, this, Ministry has formulated a scheme for promotion of sports and games among disabled in 2009-10. The objective of the Scheme is broad-basing participative sports among the disabled. The Scheme of Sports and Games for the Disabled has the following components:-

(i) Grant for sports coaching and purchase of consumables and non-consumable sports equipment for Schools;

(ii) Grant for Training of Coaches; and

(iii) Grant for holding District, State & National level competitions for the disabled.